



PROGRAMME

**Seminar for Trade Unions on
the European Commission "Agenda for jobs, growth, fairness and
democratic change".**

Visit number: 405417

Brussels, 29 October (all day)



CONFERENCE VENUES

**Visitors Centre of the European Commission
Building "Charlemagne"**

Rue de la Loi 170

B - 1040 Brussels

(Use main entrance – opposite Berlaymont building)



Nearest metro station: **Schuman** (lines 1 and 5; exit "Berlaymont")



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Number of participants	24
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Arrival participants and transfer (by own means) to the hotel and/or conference venue

Conference Venue	Building " Charlemagne ", (use main entrance – opposite Berlaymont building)
Meeting room	CHARL 1/1
Wifi-code	guest_comp@comp
Visitors' Centre	guest_comp

8.15 Registration in the lobby of the Charlemagne building and coffee

8.50 European Trade Union Confederation informal meeting with Trade Union Representatives

Chair: Roy Dickinson, Advisor, Resources, communication and inter-institutional relations, Directorate General for Economic and Financial affairs, European Commission

9.20 Welcome address & opening

Moving from the crisis to investment: the coordination of national economic policies.

Taneli Lahti, Head of Cabinet of European Commission Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, responsible for Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Euro

9.30 Panel debate: The social dimension of the Economic and Monetary Union*

How to reinforce the social dimension of the European Monetary Union. What are the opportunities for change.

Neena Gill, Member of the European Parliament, Socialists and Democrats Party

Brian Hayes, Member of the European Parliament, European People's Party

Jozef Niemiec, Deputy-General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation

Elena Flores, Director, Policy strategy and coordination, Directorate General for Economic and Financial affairs, European Commission

10.45 Coffee break

11.15 More and better investment for a sound European economy *

How to stimulate investment for the purpose of job creation, and maximise the impact of public finance.

Fabian Zuleeg, Chief Executive, European Policy Center

Ben Knapen, Permanent Representative in Brussels, European Investment Bank

Robert Strauss, Head of Unit, Employment analysis, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion, European Commission

Emmanuelle Maincent, Head of Unit, Economic analysis of energy, transport, climate change and cohesion policy, Directorate General for Economic and Financial affairs, European Commission

12.30 Walk to the restaurant

12.45 ☺ Lunch with two guests of honour

Venue: « L'Atelier Européen », Rue Franklin 28, 1000 Brussels

Gabriele Bischoff, Vice-President of the Worker's Group, European Economic and Social Committee

Anne Bucher, Director, Structural reforms and competitiveness, Directorate General for Economic and Financial affairs, European Commission

14.10 Walk to the European Commission visitor's centre

14.30 The role of structural reforms for European Union's jobs and growth challenge*

What are the challenges for sustainable job creation and growth in the European Union. Why structural reforms are needed. Which structural reforms. Why it is so hard to implement them.

Guntram B. Wolff, Director, Bruegel

Detlef Eckert, Director, EU2020 Employment policy, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Anne Bucher, Director, Structural reforms and competitiveness, Directorate General for Economic and Financial affairs, European Commission

15.45 Coffee break

16.15 How to make European pensions sustainable*

Why there is a need to reform pension systems. How to best coordinate our labour supply and retirement ages. What are the opportunities.

How to prevent future crisis and better respond to job creation and growth challenges?

Gijs Dekkers, Senior researcher at the Directorate General of the Federal Planning Bureau, Belgium.

Fritz von Nordheim, Deputy-Head of Unit, Social protection and activation systems, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion, European Commission












Per Eckefeldt, Deputy-Head of Unit, Sustainability of public finances, Directorate General for Economic and financial affairs, European Commission

17.30 Evaluation

17.45 End of the programme

* Short introductory statements (5 minutes maximum) from each speaker, who then pose questions to the audience to kick-start interactive questions and answers

End of seminar and departure of participants

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